

# Dear Santa Claus



coffee too.  
Santa I hope you will bring Rudolf the Red-Nose Reindeer with you so I can see what he looks like.  
Well, Santa Claus, I hope you enjoyed my letter.  
Good-bye with all love  
**JOHNNY DWAYNE BROWN, 4**  
21119 Brighton Street

Dear Santa:  
I have been good to my mommy and daddy. And I would like a toweller (two-wheeler) for Christmas. I am 9 years old now. Santa will you say hello to the little elves for me. I will see you soon and a merry, merry Christmas to all.  
Your friend  
**CAROL CHRISTINE WNUCK**  
21102 Denker

P.S. Thank you for the doll Santa from last Christmas. Santa when you come to my house you will find a surprise for you. Bye, bye Santa. P.S.S. Dear Santa, will you please bring my mother a toaster and it will shore surprise my mother. Merry Christmas to Santa and his elves,  
**CHRISTINE WNUCK**

Dear Santa:  
My name is Michael Ann Grimes. I would like very much to have a trunk and doll clothes. My sister Susan is 3 years old and would like very much to have a doll and clothes and trunk. My brother Gary is 1 year old and would like very much to have some pull toys.  
Love  
**MICHAEL ANN GRIMES**  
717 Pine Drive, Torrance

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a story book shelf and a bicycle and a bride doll and a bathinet.  
**CAROL JEAN ASHBY, 7**  
1831 259th Place, Lomita

Dear Santa:  
I want a pogo stick and a new bicycle. Also a big grader, bigger than the one I have already. Please bring a radio for my Daddy, he is a mailman in Torrance.  
Grandma wants new dishes, and grandpa needs new slippers. I want a play phone too, and a farmhouse so my friend that fights with me all the time can play with some of my toys. I try to be good but some-

times I get out of hand, grandma says. I will be better.  
**TIMOTHY FRASER**  
3530 Sepulveda

Dear Santa Claus:  
I read in the Torrance Press where we could write letters to you and you would read them.  
The most important wish I want for Christmas and have been praying for every day for three months is for my husband to get a job. This is the first time he has been out of work for so long. He is a very good worker, dependable on the job and has always worked his way up to tops on every job he ever had.  
The last place he worked was as a spar mill operator. The company laid him off because of reduction in personnel. I know he would take almost any kind of work if he only had the opportunity to get hired.  
Our three children aren't going to have much of a Christmas if he doesn't find work soon.  
Because I believe in you Santa Claus and have been praying so long I know help should be coming soon. You would make us a very happy family if my wish would come true.  
I want to thank you for reading my letter.  
**BETTY D. McWICKEN**  
1578 Torrance Blvd.  
FA. 8-7735

## Stevens Sends Out Parking Memorandum

Don't hog that parking space all day long.  
That's what City Manager George Stevens has asked of city employees. In an attempt to help merchants and shoppers experience a smooth and successful Christmas shopping season, Stevens asked city employees to keep their cars out of parking spaces and parking lots in the business area.  
He suggested that they park at locations "which will have a minimum interference with shoppers."



GOING UP—\$181,000 of the \$300,000 goal for expansion of the Torrance Memorial Hospital has been reached already. Seen chalking up the mark are Paul Loranger, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Henry W. Creeger, drive chairman.

## TIPS FOR HOLIDAY MAILING

Take a tip from Postmaster Clara A. Conner: Correct and careful mailing of Christmas gifts and greeting cards is just as important as early mailing. First thing to do is to bring your Christmas card list up to date. Make sure you have the full name, street and number, city zone and state for every one on the list.  
Next estimate the number of stamps you will need and be sure to send all Christmas cards by First-Class mail.

Now, of course, the main objective is to get all Christmas gifts and greetings delivered before Christmas day.  
Try to send all gift packages the first week in December and try to avoid mailing Christmas cards all at once at the last minute.  
Send your cards to most distant places by December 10 and all other cards by December 20 and by all means be sure that every card and package is very clearly addressed. Your close attention to these simple rules will mean a merrier Christmas for everybody, Mrs. Conner concluded.

## Here's How Xmas Trees Must Be Sold

Ah, ah, ah, ah, don't sell that Christmas tree unless . . .  
Capt. Bob Lucas of the Torrance Fire Prevention Bureau this week announced the following rules and regulations regarding the sale of Christmas trees:

1. Daily license fee 50 cents.
2. Free licenses may be granted to non-profit organizations by action of the City Council. Written requests to the Council must state that there is no independent contractor and that all profit will go non-profit organizations.
3. Before license is granted, every applicant must deposit \$25 to guarantee that the lot is cleaned up after the sale.
4. No trees may be kept within 15 feet of any building or temporary shelter. No trees may be kept within 25 feet of any service station or underground tank vent or fill cap.
5. Fire extinguishers, approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau, must be provided.
6. Electricity must be furnished through a separate meter. Electrical permit must be obtained. No hookups to house meters allowed without special permission of the electrical inspector.
7. Zone restrictions do not apply.

## Hawthorne Widened By June

Completion of the widening and improvement of Hawthorne boulevard south from 174th street to the Pacific Coast highway in June of 1955 will provide relief from much of the traffic congestion in the Lawndale, Redondo Beach City, and El Nido areas, according to Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Barton W. Chace.  
Plans for this important segment call for a four lane divided highway the entire length of the construction work, approximately four and two-thirds miles, Supervisor Hahn said.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick H. Singleton, of 1427 1/2 W. 219th St., announce the birth of a son, Larry Bradford, weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces.

## MARINELAND RESTAURANT TO OPEN DECEMBER 21

From its high promontory on Portuguese Bend, the new Marineland restaurant commands a sweeping view of the Palos Verdes coastline, Santa Catalina Island and the Pacific sea highway for vessels bound for distant shores.

With opening day set for December 21, Marineland Restaurant will be operated by Seaside Foods, Inc., announced Ray W. Smith, vice-president and general manager of Marineland of the Pacific. Partners of the recently formed Seaside Foods, Inc. are prominent restaurateurs Vincent A. Hoefling, formerly of Devonshire Inn and George M. Foster, founder of Foster's Freeze.

Executive chef heading the kitchen staff is Jack L. Sullivan, the Bostonian chef noted for his excellent seafoods, meat dishes and pastries. Highlights of his menu will include curry of crab, Cape Cod scallops, creole of shrimp and Eastern clams.

**Circular Buildings**  
Already becoming known for its structural beauty, the restaurant and cocktail bar are actually two circular buildings connected by a semi-circular lounge and banquet room. Another wedge in the semi-circle is a large kitchen equipped with the latest in stainless steel appointments. To take full advantage of the seascape, the two circular buildings are constructed around central columns and have 14-foot glass window-walls on the seaward side.

Interior designer Webb Coleman has accented the unusual inverted cone ceilings with ebony-black beams against lemon yellow tongue and groove panels. Lowered ceilings around the central columns in the bar and restaurant are marine blue acoustical plaster studded with sea shells from all over the world.

**Highlights**  
Decor highlights include a circular fish aquarium around the central column in the cocktail bar, a seafood bar, real shell-top tables, white and black confetti tile floors inlaid with abstract stars and fish, and black tubular iron furniture accented with brass.  
Sharing the view with the restaurant is a 10-unit Marineland Inn, offering first class hotel accommodations to visitors to Marineland of the Pacific and picturesque Portuguese Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burrell, of 549 Branely St., announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Jean, weighing 8 pounds and 7/8 ounces.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scarborough, of 712 Cota Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Debra Jean, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Johnny Frongillo won the district pass and punt contest at Sotrsman park. He will compete for the county championship at the L. A. Coliseum.

## Registration Data Given by Vehicle Dept.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will renew registrations of commercial trucks and trailers, buses and taxis, and all house trailers for the 1955 vehicle registration year between December 1 and February 4.  
Paul Mason, Director of Motor Vehicles, announced in Sacramento today that 1,062,000 potential registration cards for 1955 have been released in the mail to owners of such vehicles.

"The potentials are pre-punched cards containing a description of the vehicle, the owner's name and address, and a statement of the fees due for 1955 registration," Mason said. "Every owner is instructed to print or type his name and address on the stub, in accord with the form in which it is printed on the larger portion of the card."

"On payment of the fees at any branch office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the stub will be returned to the applicant to serve as the 1955 registration card for display in the vehicle. A single 1955 tab for attachment to the rear license plate will be delivered at the same time."

Mason also reminded motorists that persons who apply for transfer of registration and ownership of motor vehicles after December 1 are required by law to pay the full registration fee for the following year. Statements for owners of 5,000,000 automobiles will be mailed on December 27, for use during the general renewal period, January 3 through February 4.

## HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

## Civic Group Lends Helping Hand in Drive

Everyone's getting in on the act—of raising money for the Torrance Memorial hospital expansion, that is.

Latest group to work up steam and an all-out effort is the North Torrance Civic Association which has set up a committee to go from door-to-door selling membership subscriptions.

A \$100 will buy a life membership, and \$5 will buy an annual membership.

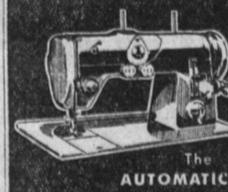
Life membership gives the individual voting rights involving hospital policy and makes him eligible to be chosen to the Board of Directors of the hospital, according to John Crain, publicity chairman.

The association is trying to get a ruling giving its president and his successors life membership if the association pledges \$100.

Fund-raising chairman is Mrs. Herma Tillim. Others on the committee include Milton Hunter, Kermit Weeks, Al Kirkpatrick, David Hodges, Clinton Beeton, and Mesdames Muri Reeves, Normal Prange, Mildred Lutz, Charles Leichtwels, John Crain, and Glen Runstead.

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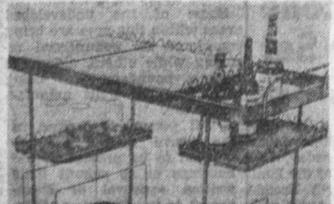
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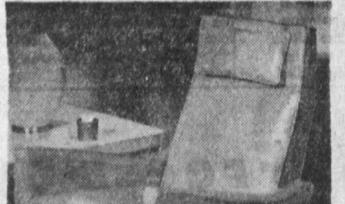
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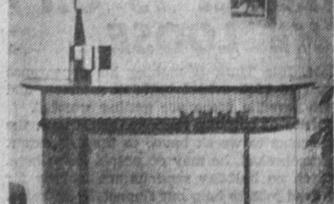
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